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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 4673

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SUBJ: DEPARTURE OF PCP SECRETARY GENERAL CUNHAL TO
SOVIET UNION

REF: LISBON 4598

1. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND PARTIDO COMUNISTA
PORTUGUES (PCP) SECRETARY GENERAL ALVARO CUNHAL HEADING A
DELEGATION CONSISTING OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION
CONCEICAO E SILVA AND OTHER "TECHNICIANS" DEPARTED FOR MOSCOW
OCT 28. PURPOSE OF VISIT, ACCORDING TO CUNHAL IS TO "EXAMINE
PERSPECTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES IN GENERAL TERMS, BUT WITH CONCRETE BASES".
THE TEAM WILL STUDY QUESTIONS RELATED TO COMMERCIAL,
ECONOMIC, TOURIST, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES.

2. IN ATTENDANCE AT THE LISBON AIRPORT SEND-OFF WERE
FONMIN MARIO SOARES, REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT AT THE
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WORKING LEVEL, AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE PCP CENTRAL

COMMITTEE. IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS OF REPORTERS,
EPHESIS WAS PLACED ON CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE TRIP.

3. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS
HOPEFUL THAT CUNHAL CAN RETURN FROM MOSCOW WITH SOME
POSITIVE INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE SOVIET ECONOMIC
AID TO PORTUGAL. CUNHAL SHOULD BE WELL RECEIVED IN
MOSCOW AND PROBABLY HAS SOME BARGAINING POWER, IN
VIEW OF HIS POSITION WITH THE PCP AND HIS STRICT ADHERANCE
TO THE SOVIET PARTY LINE.
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